

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BERNSTEIN, Jeanne et al.

Appl. No.: New Group: #5/a

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For: VARIANTS OF ALTERNATIVE SPLICING *Mar 21, 01*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 25, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 5: Line 1, change "Claim 5" to --Claim 4--

REMARKS

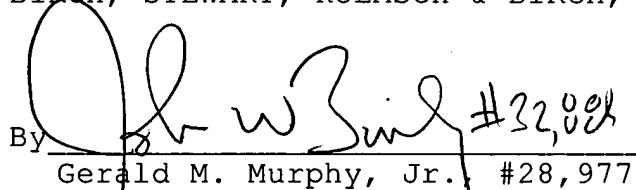
The amendment to the claims is merely to correct a typographical error and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Docket No. 2786-140P

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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